

# LAND PIRATE BUILT THE FIRST DWELLING

## HALLSVILLE IS PEACEFUL CITY

Boasts of Only Three Murders; All Were in Business Section of Town.

Hallsville boasts the record of only three murders in its history, each of which occurred on one of the corners of the triangular intersection at "The Crossroads" in the business section of town.

The first one, in 1869, was the result of a bitter feud between Dr. Thomas H. Keene and Peter Evans. Doctor Keene had a reputation for being a "bad man" to meet on the street alone at night. With his long, thin nose and thick, sandy colored beard that floated from his face like a mane, he attracted attention wherever he went. A niece of Peter Evans from Kentucky came to visit at his home, and Doctor Keene called on the young woman. Evans objected to his niece associating with such a questionable character and told the man so. When Evans came from the general merchandise store to the corner of the crossroads the next day, he fell with a load of fifteen buckshot in his body. Doctor Keene, who was concealed in a barn on the opposite side of the street, was arrested and sent to the state penitentiary, but remained there only a short time, after which a new trial was granted and he was acquitted.

A few years later, in 1876, Benjamin Austin shot Doctor Keene with a double-barreled shotgun as he rode up to the same crossroads. The cause of this murder was the publication by Doctor Keene of an alleged defamatory and scandalous pamphlet concerning Doctor Austin which he circulated widely through the surrounding country. Doctor Austin was acquitted in the trial that followed.

Thirty-five years ago Sennet Berkley killed Martin Corlies, a blacksmith, because he had pointed a plow unsuccessfully and had refused to do the job over. When Berkley brought the plow back to the blacksmith, Corlies told him he was unable to remedy the defect. At this the farmer became angry and killed Corlies with a stick of wood.

Stories of the rough frontier days of Doctor Keene and his associates, are only a few of the many that are told around fireplaces on long winter nights in Hallsville.

## BEING A ROOMER IN HALLSVILLE MEANS AN INTEREST IN POKERS.

The man had been out quite late and it was pitch dark as he strode up on the porch of a certain house at Hallsville where he roomed. He tried the door. Curses! He would have to wake up the family to get in. Wives of neighbors closed their ears while their husbands said what was in their hearts a few moments. Finally, however, the owner of the house came to the door.

Cautiously unlatching the door, he opened it, drew back the stove poker ready for a lusty blow and inquired, "Who is it?"

"It's only me," replied the man. "No, it ain't. He's been in bed for an hour." The stove poker waved.

"However, a truce was declared until the man could light a match so that the owner could see his face. He was admitted, the owner still watching him carefully. Finally deciding that it really was his roomer, the proprietor carefully placed the poker beside the door again for emergencies, turned and grumblingly made off to bed.

## BANK WON NEW DEPOSITOR

Robbery Convinced Farmer of the Safety of Banks.

Representatives of the Bank of Hallsville tell one of their early experiences in overcoming some of the people's distrust of depositing money in banks.

W. H. McCarty, a farmer who lived about one mile and a half out side of town, steadily refused to deposit his money in the local bank. Each month he carefully concealed his earnings in what he thought was a safe hiding place—the floor of his porch. After several years of close economy, he had put \$800 in his improvised bank. One night when he had finished feeding the stock, he went to the floor of the porch to get some money for his next day's purchases and discovered the money had been stolen. He never recovered it, and the citizens of Hallsville tell that he afterwards became a regular depositor of the bank.

**Stephens Girls Give Recital.**  
Students in the expression department of Stephens College gave a recital last night in the Stephens College auditorium. Miss Helen Richards, violinist, and Miss Julia Ann Porter, pianist, assisted. Those who took part were Marion Stephenson, Anna Belle Bates, Helen Richards, Francis Frazier, Ruth Foster, Florence Russell, Julia A. Porter, Lelia Graham, and Ruth Schaback.

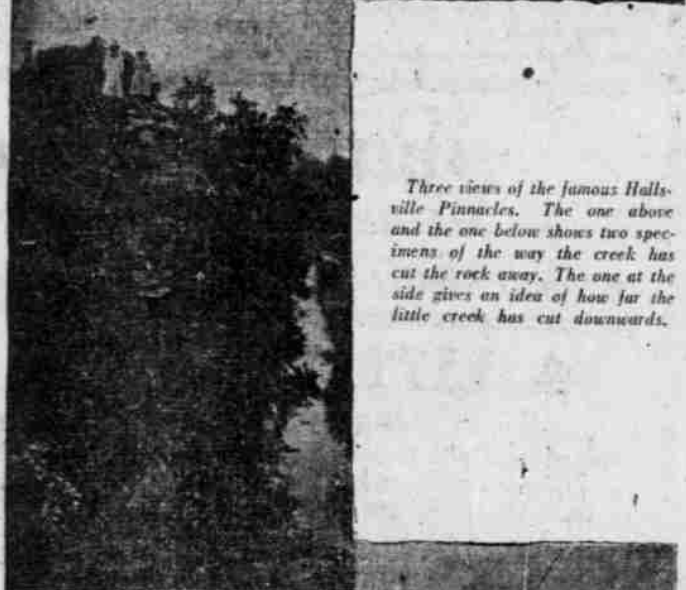
## 1921 Prices

Hair Cut . . .40  
Shave . . .20

Tavern Barber Shop  
Daniel Boone Tavern

## Little Silver Creek Carved Out Hallsville Pinnacles

About four miles west of Hallsville a curious formation of rock rises from the banks of Silver Creek. At some points it rises into sharp pinnacles while at others it is not so sharp. It is known as "The Pinnacles" and is one of the show places of Boone County because of the wonderful scenery it makes. There is a fairly dense, beautiful woods about a short distance and then runs away to



Three views of the famous Hallsville Pinnacles. The one above and the one below shows two specimens of the way the creek has cut the rock away. The one at the side gives an idea of how far the little creek has cut downwards.

the place and if one should climb the rocks and look down from 40 to 80 feet he would see the beautiful little creek winding about the base of the formation.

The creek is an innocent looking little stream and few people would believe that it is the powerful agent that has cut out the majestic lines of the formation. Nevertheless it is true. It has been at work for centuries on the rocks and no one can say that it's handiwork is not beautiful. The rocks are the same

kind that most of the buildings on the East Campus are made of. The creek coming from the north suddenly turns west for probably 600 yards. It then curves south and east for about the same distance where it is separated from the northern bend by only about 100 feet. It then turns southward for a short distance and then runs away to

rock and dissolved parts of it that were soluble, eating holes into it which it kept enlarging until parts of the rock began to cave in. He says that in time the stream will eat through The Pinnacles and the rocks will cave in destroying the work which took it ages to accomplish. The wind in blowing against the rocks has smoothed them down to some extent but had very little to do otherwise with the formation.

The Pinnacles are in center of the Brown's anti-cline, a geologic formation that may contain oil. However, Dr. Branson said that if one should drill a hundred feet at The Pinnacles, rock would be struck that is older than any rock that has ever produced oil in paying quantities. He says there is no oil in the formation because of this.

## BOYS ARE GREAT HUNTERS

Rolling Country Near Hallsville Ideal for Rabbits.

There are plenty of embryo Nimrods around Hallsville. Every winter the boys file out of the town carrying everything from a .22 caliber rifle to a shotgun, often as large as the youngsters who carry it. Around the town stretches a rolling country, cut up in a few places with hollows, which makes it ideal for hunting rabbits; and there are plenty of them, after the first snow flies. Quail are also found around there in fairly large coveys.

In the fall, before the season opens for quail, and the rabbits are good to eat, the boys amuse themselves by hunting squirrels. There is a strip of woods a short distance from Hallsville, full of the furry animals. Two flying squirrels have made a home in a hollow tree about a mile and a half from Hallsville. Several attempts have been made to capture them but so far have been unsuccessful.

## PLANS ABOUT COMPLETED

Cast for Jazzical Has Not Been Selected as Yet.

The plans for the Jazzical, which the students in the School of Journalism are going to produce, are well on the road toward completion. The cast has not yet been chosen although a meeting was held for that purpose Tuesday afternoon. All those who are interested are requested to give their names to Hugh Schuck, chairman of the play committee, at once.

## Hut of Notorious Land Pirate Beginning of Hallsville of Today

Back in the early days of our country, when it was necessary to stay out of the woods if you didn't want an arrow in your heart; when St. Louis was well fortified against Indian attack; when Columbia and the surrounding towns were not yet on the map, an old abandoned cabin was seen by some of the more venturesome pioneers on the site of what is now Hallsville. The half-fallen down hut that had unmistakably been built by white man who had lived there, perhaps alone, in that wild spot, was long a matter of curiosity and conjecture among the early settlers. Some say that the man was John A. Murrel, the great western land pirate. Murrel, a ruthless, entirely fearless man, they told, had early ventured into this country in his attempt to defraud the Indians. Others with less im-

agination said it had been a mission hut of the French explorers.

As the country grew older, the abandoned cabin was torn down to be used for firewood and people continued to come where this early white man had dared to venture. The new rough dirt roads gave signs of the increasing population. At a place where two of these roads crossed, a store was built and a blacksmith shop started. People called the place Hallsville in honor of John W. Hall who had kept a postoffice near where the town was laid out. The first store was kept by a man named Leach and was situated on the same site where Charles Quisenberry now owns a general merchandise store. This was the first half of the nineteenth century. The population kept increasing from that time until the town reached its present size.

## HAS SEEN MUCH OF HALLSVILLE'S LIFE



T. P. BROWN

T. P. Brown, for twenty-seven years manager of a general merchandise store in Hallsville, is perhaps best acquainted among his townsmen with the history, the little incidents of every day life and the tragedies of that town. He has served often and long on the town council and on the school board.

Mr. Brown has lived in the town since

a few years following its incorporation in 1886. He was long connected with the firm of Dysart & Brown, a merchandising concern. In 1917 he retired from active business and now he is watching with keen interest the way the younger generation is conducting the town business.

"I have always boosted the town," said Mr. Brown. "And shall continue to whenever I have a chance. I am opposed to knockers."

## CENTRALIA NOTES

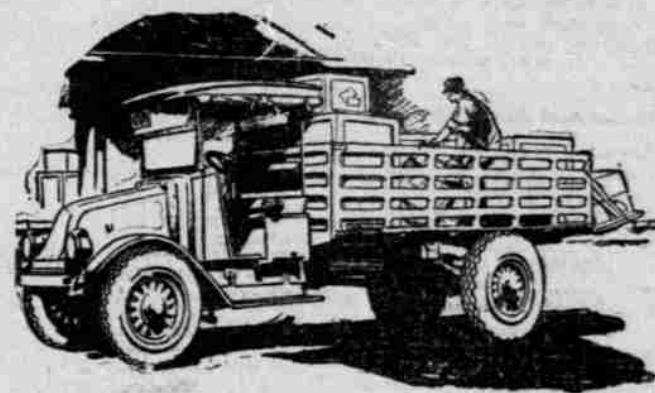
Misses Marie and Hazel Jordan, Mrs. Junior Lyons, Misses Josephine and Kathryn Stamper, Miss Julius Hunt, Mrs. C. W. Austine and Miss Helen Austine attended the recital at Hardin College in Mexico Monday evening.

Misses Helen and Kathryn Naylor, Mildred Early, Carroll Early, Rhodes Ashbury and William Reese motored to Mexico Saturday evening.

Miss Loraine Martin and Raymond Ashbury were in Mexico Sunday.

The senior members of the teacher-training class spent Thursday afternoon observing rural teaching at Strother, a modern school north of town.

**Six in New Course for Engineers.**  
The School of Engineering is offering a new short course for highway supervisors and foremen. Six men are enrolled. Twelve or fifteen more are expected early next week.



## The International

The Hallsville Farmer along with the other up-to-the-minute farmers of Boone County recognizes the value of a good truck.

The International Truck with its perfection in composition is the truck needed on the farm.

The power of the International diminishes the year's expense.

## Sapp Implement and Motor Co.

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## Advance Reservations

Those who have purchased tickets for

## The Passing Show

Will be given an opportunity tomorrow to make reservations for as many seats as they have bought tickets during the advance sale. The general reserved seat sale will begin Monday.

Seats at Allen's and Missouri Store.

Hall Theatre, Jan. 19-20

## Missouri's Centennial Celebration

21st Annual Exhibition. Missouri State Fair, Sedalia, Aug. 8-20, 1921

Historical Pageantry and Displays that will typify a Century of Progress by this incomparable state in which every county, city, town and hamlet will participate.

TWO NOTEWORTHY CENTENNIAL FEATURES: A "Home-Coming" of all living former Missourians, and a Reunion of the living descendants of Missouri's 25 Governors. If YOU know the present whereabouts of former Missourians or Governors' descendants, please send this information to CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE, Chamber of Commerce, Sedalia, Mo.

## Crane's Tire Service

We handle Oldfield, Goodrich & Portage Tires

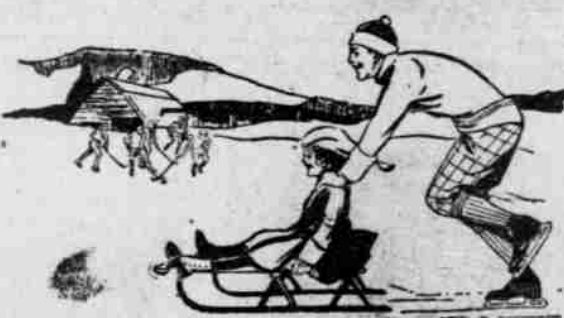
That they are quality tires is evident by their popularity among our patrons—but that is not all—the price is right.

Gasoline, oil, free air, and tires and tubes vulcanized while you wait, are also features of our service.

Come in and see us when you come to Columbia. Our motto is: "Honest Values and Satisfied Patrons."

## Crane's Tire Shop

Ninth and Walnut Streets



## Now for Winter Sports!

NOTHING in the way of sport can excel the fun to be had in the mid-winter outdoors. The pastimes that set your pulse up to full speed ahead, clear the cobwebs out of your brain, brighten up your cheeks, fill you with energy!

Get your skates here—your sweater, your sled. We have a complete assortment, of the most popular kinds, made for best service.

Come in today and let us fit you out.

Home of the Winchester  
**Hays Hardware Co.**  
Successors to Matthews

## PRE-INVENTORY

ONE WEEK CASH SALE ONE WEEK

Beginning Saturday and Lasting One Week

In order to reduce our stock before taking an inventory, we offer the following goods at reduced prices ---for cash only. Goods bought on credit will be sold at the regular price.

## Canned Goods

50c canned peaches . . . . .42c  
40c canned peaches . . . . .33c  
50c canned pineapples . . . . .42c  
50c quart glass jar apple butter . . . . .42c  
20c can of corn . . . . .2 for 25c  
20c can of green beans . . . . .2 for 25c  
20c can of tomatoes . . . . .2 for 25c  
20c can of kraut . . . . .2 for 25c  
15c can of pumpkin . . . . .3 for 25c  
20c Van Camp's Pork and Beans, 2 for 25c  
40c Sockeye Alaska Red Salmon . . . . .35c  
35c Red Salmon . . . . .27c

## Monarch Malleable Steel Ranges

Worth \$140 Special at \$105  
Has eighteen inch oven, thermometer and copper reservoir. Without reservoir, \$90.

## Monogram Cast Ranges

Worth \$90 Special at \$70  
Has white splash and oven door panels, eighteen inch oven and thermometer.

## Cruso Separators

Worth \$75 Special at \$60

Capacity, 550 pounds of milk an hour.

## 10 to 25 Per Cent Off on

Coal and wood stoves, 1847 Rogers and Community Silverware, pocket knives, baking dishes, casseroles, percolators, and many other articles.

## ASBURY & FAUCETT

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